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efficient. I would like to point out that the difference between Government management and private enterprise is the difference between an elephant moving and a small dog running away. Government can never be as efficient as private enterprise because in private enterprise there is the profit motive behind it. Private enterprise has to keep its customers satisfied. But in Government management, there is always the red-tape. A man feels he is safer and he is not hard put to go down and do things. These are practical difficulties which I do admit. Electricity is no doubt a commercial enterprise and the Central Government have recognized this fact and have hinted to us to form the Electricity Board which is for the purpose of running the enterprise on a commercial basis. This question is awaiting decision at the hands of the Government. What we are waiting for is to have our very big schemes like the Kundah Project, which is to be constructed at a cost of about Rs. 28 to Rs. 30 crores, capable of generating 1,45,000 k.ws., the Periyar and several other hydro-electric schemes completed and brought into the State grid when we can launch upon this Electricity Board. By its very nature, the Electricity Board when set up, would answer and satisfy all the points which the hon. Member Sri G. Krishnamurthi raised on the floor of this House. All these things are there and the Government are not trying to take the money of the poor people for their personal benefit. If the Government take money in one form or other through many of the taxation measures which have been criticized, it goes back to the people in some form or other. Some of the defects like inefficiency and over-crowding of the staff, etc., would disappear in no time. They cannot persist for any length of time. I think I have in a way completely satisfied hon. Members who have made very constructive and enlightening criticisms on the floor of this House. I would therefore request them to consider this Bill favourably and pass it."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The question is—

'That the Madras Electricity Undertakings (Acquisition) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 23 of 1954), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration.' "

The motion was carried.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The House will now adjourn and meet again tomorrow at 2-30 p.m."

The House then adjourned to meet again at 2-30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 18th May 1954.

VI.—PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

Bill passed by the Assembly and received therefrom in the Council—

[a] *The Madras Electricity Undertakings (Acquisition) Bill,* 1954 (*L.A. Bill No.* 23 *of* 1954).

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